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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KEKKONEN PLANNING TO ADDRESS ILO

1. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCE WITH EXCELLENT CONNECTIONS IN FINNISH EMPLOYER AND POLITICAL CIRCLES PRESIDENT KEKKONEN IS PLANNING TO ADDRESS ILO' S ANNUAL MEETING IN GENEVA NEXT JUNE. SOURCE SAID KEKKONEN WOULD PROBABLY SPEAK AT ABOUT MIDPOINT OF SESSION, WHICH MIGHT INDICATE DATE AROUND JUNE 18. SOURCE SAID BY WAY OF EXPLANATION THAT PRESIDENT CONSIDERS ILO ONE OF THE FEW MAJOR FORUMS HE HAS NOT ADDRESSED IN HIS LONG CAREER.

2. OUR SOURCE SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON SUBJECT OF PRESIDENT' S ADDRESS AND ADDED THIS WAS CAUSING SOME CONERN AMONG FINNISH EMPLOYERS SINCE THEY FEAR SPEECH MAY BE WRITTEN BY LEFT- WING SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, JACOB SODERMAN, WHO IS CURRENTLY FINNISH GOVERNMENT' S REPRESENTATIVE ON ILO GOVERNING BODY. FINNISH FOREIGN MINISTRY IS BEING ALERTED TO EMPLOYERS' CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERN BUT SODERMAN INVOLVEMENT HAS POTENTIAL FOR
CONTROVERSY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: TO ASSIST IN OUR FUTURE CONVERSATIONS
ON THIS TOPIC AND ON ILO MATTERS GENERALLY, EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING CURRENT US VIEWS ON MAJOR ISSUES
LIKELY TO ARISE AT THIS YEAR' S GENEVA MEETING. WE
WOULD ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE BRIEF SUMMARY OF PRESENT
STATUS US FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ILO AS WELL AS
BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON FORMATION OF COMMITTEE TO
EXAMINE STATUS OF PORTUGUESE TERRITORIES IN ILO, OF
WHICH SODERMAN IS MEMBER.
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